



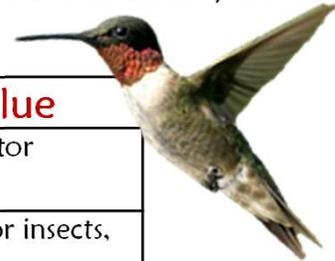
Create Your Own State Park Native Plant Selections



Maryland Maryland Native Herbaceous Plants- Shade Perennials

Planting Perennials for Birds, Butterflies & Wildlife

The following list of Maryland native perennials are commonly found throughout the state. Including native trees and plant species in your yard contributes to the native wildlife food web. Your yard can provide habitat and a food source for birds, insects, as well as for other native wildlife. These plants were selected for their important value to pollinators, birds, and wildlife. You may attract some new visitors from your neighborhood natural community into the habitat you have created in your own yard!



Perennial Species for Shade	Pollinator, Bird, Wildlife Value
Virginia Bluebells <i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Early spring blooming! Provides pollinator habitat.
Wild Columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Early spring blooming. Provides food for insects, pollinators and hummingbirds.
Golden Ragwort <i>Packera aurea</i>	Good for pollinators! May aggressively spread.
Jack-in-the-pulpit <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	High wildlife value for birds and pollinators.
Wild Blue Woodland Phlox <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	High wildlife value for pollinators and butterflies.
Bluestem Goldenrod <i>Solidago caesia</i>	High wildlife value- provides food for insects, butterflies and wildlife.
Mist Flower <i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	High wildlife value- provides food for insects, butterflies and birds.
White Wood Aster <i>Euribia divaricatus</i>	High wildlife value for pollinators and butterflies.
Woodland Sunflower <i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	High wildlife value for birds and butterflies.
Hoary Mountain Mint <i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i>	High wildlife value for insects, pollinators and butterflies.

Additional Resources:

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